REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated November 11, 2004 is respectfully requested. The Applicant sincerely thanks the Examiner for his explanations in the Advisory Action regarding the finality of the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2004. It is now the understanding of the Applicant that the Examiner apparently intended to completely withdraw the Final Office Action dated April 27, 2004, and not just withdraw the finality of the Office Action.

Claims 1-11, 14, 25, 26, 35, and 36 have been allowed. Claims 15-24, 29-34, 37, and 38 have been cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuation, a continuation-in-part, or other related application. The Applicant notes that while he does not agree with the Examiner's rejections of the now-cancelled claims and does, in fact, believe that the claims are allowable over the cited art, claims 15-24, 29-34, 37, and 38 have been cancelled purely to expedite the prosecution of the instant application. The cancellation of claims 15-24, 29-34, 37, and 38 is not to be construed to be an admission that the claims are not allowable over the cited art, or an agreement with the Examiner's rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 15-18, 20, 21, and 29-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rune (U.S. Patent No. 6,212,390) in view of Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,487,406). Claims 23, 24, 33, 34, 37, and 38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rune (U.S. Patent No. 6,212,390) in view of Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,487,406) further in view of Beamish et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,694,143). Claims 19 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rune (U.S. Patent No.

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6,212,390) in view of Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,487,406) further in view of Hsu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,587,684).

As claims 15-24, 29-34, 37, and 38 have been cancelled, the Examiner's rejections are now believed to be moot.

Conclusion

Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-8696.

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